

in business for only five years from 1929 to 1934 and built just 24 aircraft, their revolutionary designs created a legend among aviators.

Springfield was also a city of ideas as well as industry and technology. Abolitionist John Brown made the city his headquarters in 1846 when he established a business to represent wool producers to the New England mill owners. Later, the city was a stop on the Underground Railroad.

G & C Merriam, Company, was founded in 1831 as printers and booksellers and the pair of brothers—George and Charles—purchased the rights to the name and all copyrights to the best-seller dictionary written by Noah Webster in 1843. Since that time, the nation's best-known reference book has been written and published in Springfield.

When stumped about how to excite his winter physical fitness class, a young Canadian attending the International Y.M.C.A. Training School remembered Duck on a Rock, a game from his youth. Taking a soccer ball and a peach basket, James Naismith developed the game of basketball in 1891, quite possible the most popular indoor sport.

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame draws more than 250,000 visitors a year to its Springfield shrine to the game.

A number of people prominent in show business and the arts are natives of the city. During the 1920s and 30s, Broadway and radio star Julia Sanderson was a popular performer.

The classic movie musicals “Born to Dance” and “Broadway Melody of 1940” feature another Springfield native Eleanor Powell. The beautiful and athletic dancer was a star at MGM. She was married to actor Glenn Ford for a number of years and by the end of her life she turned her energies to religion.

Lawrence O'Brien, Kennedy family supporter, postmaster general, head of the Democratic Party and commissioner of the National Basketball Association, was another well known Springfield resident. His father had a tavern where the MassMutual Center now stands and he received his law degree from Western New England College.

Perhaps the most interesting favorite daughter is June Foray, whose family left their home on Orange Street and traveled to California where she eventually became one of the most highly regarded voice actresses in animation providing the voice for Rocky in “Rocky and Bullwinkle.” Granny in the Twenty cartoons and many other characters.

Students at the former Classical High School could still find evidence of that school's most controversial graduate, Dr. Timothy Leary. His name could be seen carved into at least one desk. Leary was one of the prominent leaders of the counter culture in the 1960s who urged people to “turn on, tune in and drop out.”

Springfield's most beloved native was Theodore Geisel better known to generations of American as Dr. Seuss. The author and illustrator took inspiration from the city of his birth from the names of streets—“And to Think that I Saw it on Mulberry Street”—to his father's position as superintendent of the city's parks—“If I Ran the Zoo.”

The Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden at the Springfield Museum complex pays tribute to the innovative storyteller.

Springfield's latest burst of national publicity came in 2007 with a contest that asked fans of “The Simpsons” to pick the Springfield that is actually home to the best known dysfunctional family. Although Springfield Mass., didn't win in a surprising upset to Springfield, Vt., the producers of the animated series and film knew better. They had prepared a special poster before the contest's

final results that declared the movie was filmed in Springfield, Mass.

A community of rich diversity and history, Springfield today is the home of national companies, three colleges and a law school. It was named the fourth “greenest” city in the nation and was recognized as one of the greatest centers of small business and entrepreneurship in the country. Its best days are not behind it.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT MICHAEL TOUSSAINT-HYLE WASHINGTON, A UNITED STATES MARINE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sergeant Michael Toussaint-Hyle Washington, a United States Marine who was killed with three other Marines while supporting combat operations in the Farah Province in Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device struck their Humvee on June 14, 2008.

Michael T. Washington was born on October 6, 1987 at Camp Pendleton where his father Michael Washington Senior served also as a Marine. Michael would follow in his father's and his grandfather's footsteps to become his family's third generation to serve in the United States Marine Corps.

Early on, young Michael Washington had a strong sense of faith and duty. As a student at Stadium High School in Tacoma, Washington, Michael enjoyed playing soccer, reading, playing practical jokes on his family, and was a member of Stadium's ROTC program.

While listening to a story on the radio with his father, Michael heard a journalist speak highly of the Marines after returning from Iraq. The journalist spoke of the Marines' virtues and bravery on and off the battlefield. Michael Senior knew his son was destined to become a Marine when his son turned to him and said, “I want to defend people who can't defend themselves. It takes a lot for people to stand up and do this.”

Michael Washington did just that, joining the Marine Corps at age 17. On March 11, 2007, a year before his death, then-Corporal Washington's squad was ambushed in Iraq. Washington provided the support fire necessary to enable his fellow endangered Marines to escape the kill zone and return to safety. He received commendations from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines for Outstanding Achievement in the performance of his duties as Fire Team Leader of the 3rd Platoon, Golf Company. Washington was promoted to Sergeant soon after to become squad leader in the 1st Platoon at only the age of 20.

Sergeant Washington died a proud Marine while serving in the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Forces. Michael is survived by his father Michael Washington Senior—a Seattle firefighter and former United States Marine, his mother Grace Washington—an artist, community activist, and teacher at Salhalie Middle School, and his sister Aja Collins—an Army veteran whose husband Erik recently returned from Afghanistan where he served with the 101st Airborne.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in paying tribute to Sergeant Michael Toussaint-Hyle Washington in honor of his love and sacrifice for our Nation.

In honor of Michael, I also ask that this poem, penned by Mr. Albert Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

HIS PARENT'S SON!

His, Parent's Son!
This, most magnificent of all ones!
This, United States Marine . . .
So brilliant there . . . all in your most heroic shades of green!
His Father's Son, who had so learned from his Father's Father . . .
And, all of these ones!
As all three were but United States Marines!
As you Michael so watched your Father, growing up to be . . .
Just like him, as will be done!
Ooorah. . . three generations of United States Marines . . .
As all were but our America's very best, her cream!
As To Strength In Honor Michael, your fine heart would so convene!
As They Will Be Done, on earth as in Heaven . . . you now rein!
As Michael, you were but one . . .
Who so died and bled, one of our Nation's most golden of all sons!
Such selfless sacrifice, and such brilliance. . . Which shines so bright, is so hard to explain!
Dying, for your fellow woman, child, and man. . . As seen!
As you so stood so very grand, all in those magnificent shades of green!
Teaching us so all about. . . What the word love so truly means!
As a Freedom Fighter, who so shined so bright there in heroic shades of green!
As Michael, you live on. . . all in our hopes and dreams!
Just, like the morning sun. . . to you, our hearts so run!
Moments, are all we have!
To bring the light!
To fight the darkness!
To worship the good, and win that fight!
As you so boldly marched off to war!
All because of your most magnificent soul. . .
As why for you Michael, we so mourn!
All at the loss of you, and for all of yours!
Is but just that high price of freedom, that for us Michael you so paid!
And we so too suffer, living without you no more!
And across Washington on this night, as you so lay your head down and begin to cry. . .
And but our Lord's tears, for you Michael. . . As he now so weeps!
Knowing, of your most sacred gift. . . And of your most devout life so lived!
To ease your pain. . .
So have a most gentle sleep, let not your hearts so weep. . .
For Michael is an Angel now, as ever with you to keep!
And you shall see him again. . .
Enlisted, In the Army of our Lord. . . Across the heavens he so reaches. . .
All because of Michael, what your fine life so meant!
Making A Difference With It All, as was how your precious time was spent!
As you so lived and died, so benevolent!
Answering, that call to arms. . . Your fine life so spent!
For, no greater pain can so be felt!
Then, to lose your only wonderful son, as before our Lord you've cried and knelt!
As, I pray your most broken heart will heal!

Because, your fine son. . . . Your Marine Michael, so died for what is right!
 And what is real!
 As you must remember, one day in Heaven. . . .
 Your son's arms around you, you shall feel!
 And if ever I have a son,
 I but hope and pray, he could be like your fine one!
 Michael, His Father's Son!
 And Mother's only most brilliant one!
 Amen!

CONGRATULATING ALDERMAN
 BRIAN DOHERTY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the City of Chicago 41st Ward Alderman Brian Doherty. After twenty years of dedicated service, Alderman Doherty has decided to retire, and I wanted to thank him for his work.

Elected to the City Council in 1991, Alderman Doherty represented the City of Chicago's Northwest Side, including O'Hare International Airport. Brian always fought for strong ethics reforms and government transparency, two issues very important to me. He voted for a sunshine ordinance that makes it much easier to determine how taxpayer dollars are spent on Tax Increment Financing Districts.

During Alderman Doherty's time in office, he worked to bring economic opportunities to his communities and make his constituents safer. Since many 41st Ward residents are part of the city's enormous work force, such as police officers, firefighters and employees of Streets and Sanitation, we applaud his efforts for serving those who serve us.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Alderman Brian Doherty of the 41st Ward of Chicago. I appreciate his twenty years of hard work as Alderman and I wish him, his wife Rose and his two children Katie and Kevin all the best.

HONORING ANNIE KLEIN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Annie Klein was born on May 22, 1921 to Dora and Samuel Ratick in Maynard, Massachusetts. Her parents were both immigrants of Warsaw, Poland. She was born into a family of three sisters and four brothers and her mother still had another daughter, at the age of 50.

The family moved from small town Maynard to The Bronx in New York City. Early in her life, Annie lost her father to a heart attack, leaving her mother sole survivor and sole responsible parent for her 9 children.

Annie was a graduate of Morris High School in 1940. On December 7, 1941 she got engaged to David Klein, a soldier in the U.S. Army. They moved from The Bronx to Hereford, Texas. While there, they had a son, Sam, in August 1944. Even though they were offered a "Hereford Cow" every year while

they stayed in Texas by a local rancher, they decided instead to move back to the South Bronx with Annie's mom.

While developing skills that would enable David to get a job, he developed health issues. At the age of 41, David had a massive heart attack that made him a 100 percent totally disabled veteran.

With David unable to work and the addition of her younger son, Les, Annie had to find a job. She worked for the Social Security Office for 5 years. After that, she found a job at City College of New York and worked as a College Office Assistant.

In 1968, her son Sammy married Sandy Desio. While tending to her husband David and son, Les, she managed to work, as well as help care for her mother who had become disabled with Parkinson's disease.

In 1972, her husband David passed away, leaving Annie to once again be the sole caregiver of Les. In 1980, Les married Gail Labita and Annie became a mother-in-law once again. Annie finally decided to retire in the early 1980s.

Annie became grandmother to Sammy and Sandy's children, David and Dena's as well as great-grandmother to David's son Jake and Dena's children Gia, Rocco and Sammi. She is also grandmother to Les and Gail's children Douglas and Allison.

Sadly in her lifetime she had had the misfortune of burying 7 of her brothers and sisters who meant the world to her. Above all, in 2007 Annie received the greatest blow of her life, when her son, Sam passed away. Most people would have crumbled and given up but Annie, with her customary grace and dignity raised her head high and with the help of her family, continued on.

Annie Klein is a Woman of Valor who has shown us all how to live with love and grace even through life's most challenging times. I join with her family and friends and thank her for her dignity and courage. As said in the Bible: "Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies?" Well, that woman is Annie Klein.

IN HONOR OF JOHN SHEPHERD
 AND THE AMERICAN SOLDIER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of John Shepherd, the longest-living veteran of the American Revolution, and all of our soldiers and veterans. This Memorial Day, the city of North Royalton will celebrate the life and patriotism of Mr. Shepherd, who lived to be 117 years, 9 months, and 18 days old.

John Shepherd was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1729. He was a brave patriot and served in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. In 1817, Mr. Shepherd moved to Royalton Township in the present-day North Royalton, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his long life as a farmer. At the time of his death, he was the last survivor of Braddock's Defeat, and he was the longest-living veteran of the American Revolution. He was buried in the municipal cemetery of Royalton Township.

This Memorial Day, the city of North Royalton will honor Mr. Shepherd, as well as all American soldiers and veterans, with a pancake breakfast, parade, and memorial service. The Cleveland Shrine Band, the United States Army Color Guard, the Boy Scouts of America, the Sons of the American Revolution, and a number of other organizations will be on hand to mark this special occasion. This will be a fitting celebration to commemorate Mr. Shepherd, and all veterans who have served their country.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of John Shepherd, the longest living veteran of the American Revolution. His spirit lives on through all soldiers and veterans that we proudly recognize, honor, and thank this Memorial Day.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1540) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes:

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of the Conyers, Clarke, Cohen, Duncan Amendment, opposing the deployment of ground troops in Libya. It is unconscionable for us to deploy our already strained troops into harm's way again when many of them have served two, three or more tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It is also irresponsible for us to spend more money on another open-ended military conflict without a cogent plan of action and withdrawal. As a Member of Congress, I cannot take part in another act of aggression further straining the budget we are so desperately working to fix and our troops who have answered above and beyond the call of duty.

My constituents and I already feel that the war in Afghanistan has gone on long enough without a clear and sufficient exit strategy. We cannot partake in another fruitless war. We must shift our focus to getting out of Iraq and Afghanistan, stabilizing our economy and creating jobs for the American people. Instead let us focus on securing funding for small businesses rather than spending money on another open-end conflict.

Madam Chair, as a representative of the 11th congressional district of New York, our hearts and minds go out to the people's struggle for freedom in Libya. And as a nation, we should continue our support for their quest for freedom, through NATO forces. However it is our duty as a Members of Congress to protect and serve our fellow Americans first. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to join us and support this amendment.